

CURRENT CalWORKs DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

NAME	DESCRIPTION
Change Reporting Demonstration Project (CRDP) AB 1542	<p>CRDP authorizes an alternative recipient reporting system in up to six counties. Counties selected must include small, medium and large counties, but no county over six million population. It allows statewide expansion after one year without need for a law change. The Demonstration Projects Bureau received only one proposal from Sacramento County. Federal Food Stamp waivers needed for compatibility with CalWORKs reporting under this demonstration were denied by the Food and Nutrition Services on July 31, 1998. Implementation has been delayed pending the County's decision to continue pursuit of the project.</p>
Child Support Assurance Project (CSA) AB 1542	<p>This demonstration project will test models of child support assurance in three counties. Child Support Assurance guarantees custodial parents a child support payment in lieu of a CalWORKs grant. The maximum number of participants in a county will be no more than the greater of five percent of the county's caseload or 8,000 persons. In January 1999, CDSS selected two projects in three counties to participate in CSA. They are San Francisco, and Alameda/Contra Costa counties, which will run a joint project.</p>
Eligibility Simplification Project (ESP) SB 35	<p>ESP eliminates annual face to face CalWORKs redeterminations and food stamps recertifications. It was implemented on May 1, 1997 in 15 counties: Amador, Contra Costa, Fresno, Lake, Modoc, Nevada, San Bernardino, San Francisco, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano and Sonoma. The final evaluation was released in July 1998. The Food Stamp waiver will expire March 28, 2002. The CalWORKs portion of the project continues under state waiver authority until April 25, 2000.</p>
Employment Readiness Demonstration Project (ERDP)	<p>ERDP assists CalWORKs Family Group adult recipients, who have multiple barriers to employment, with obtaining and maintaining entry-level unsubsidized jobs. Several counties began implementation on July 1998. All counties are scheduled to begin implementation by April 1999. Counties and vendors selected are: San Diego (2 Vendors: Lifeline, and Occupational Training Services), Orange (Vendor: Goodwill), Monterey/Santa Cruz (Vendor: Goodwill), Humboldt (Vendor: Redwood Community Action Agency), Fresno (no vendor; will use county staff), Ventura (Vendor: Goodwill) and Sonoma (Vendor: Goodwill).</p>

Empowerment Zones/Enterprise Community (EZ/EC)	<p>The Oakland Community Building Team Demonstration Project establishes community-building teams where residents of the Enterprise Community receive skills and training while working directly on community revitalization issues. Participants receive \$500 stipend that does not count as income for CalWORKs, and are deferred from participating in job search while in the project. The project was implemented on February 14, 1996. Federal waiver expires February 14, 2006. Continuation of the project is contingent upon receipt of additional federal funds.</p>
Merced County Attendance Project (MerCAP)	<p>MerCAP establishes school-based case management for CalWORKs families with children who are habitually absent from school. Families may be sanctioned if a child is absent more than ten days in a school year. A sanction is limited to a minimum of one month and reduces aid by the portion attributed to non-attending child. The project is in Merced County only. It was implemented on June 6, 1997. The state waiver expires June 5, 2000.</p>
Microenterprise Pilots	<p>Microenterprise pilots would provide self-employment training and technical assistance to recipients. AB 1542 provides the authority for California Department of Social Services to implement a three-year demonstration project limited to six counties, including one demonstration project in Los Angeles County and one demonstration project in a northern California county. If non-state matching funds are available, the number of participating counties can be expanded to 12. County interest is being solicited through an All County Information Notice sent January 29, 1999.</p>
Noncustodial Parent Employment and Training Demonstration Project (NCP)	<p>NCP provides employment and training along with supportive services to unemployed or underemployed noncustodial parents whose children are receiving CalWORKs assistance. Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, Santa Barbara and Santa Clara counties implemented this project between September 1998 and January 1999 under Phase I. The Legislature approved funding for Phase II which may include Alameda, Fresno, Riverside, San Mateo, Sonoma, Stanislaus and Ventura counties. This project is funded with \$9.3 million in TANF and IV-D funds for Fiscal Year 1998-99. Future funding for this 3-year project will be subject to Legislative approval.</p>

Placer County (SB 1846)	SB 1846 provides a pilot program in Placer County for the funding and delivery of services. Placer County is the only participant. The County is developing an universal application for CalWORKs, Food Stamps, and Medi-Cal applicants and expects to expand this application to other services later. Placer's Universal Application form has received tentative approval from CDSS. Placer county is currently working with the Department of Health Services to obtain Medi-Cal program approval for using the universal application.
San Diego Alternative Teen Parent Program	San Diego is seeking a modification to the current Cal Learn demonstration project to provide increased services to pregnant and parenting teens, case management and elimination of Cal Learn bonuses. The out-going administration deferred a decision on the project to the new administration.
San Diego School Attendance Project (SADP)	SADP allowed verification of school attendance for 16 to 18 year old non- pregnant/non-parenting CalWORKs recipients. Failure to attend resulted in referral to the GAIN program and a possible GAIN financial penalty. Implemented January 1996 in San Diego County only. The county requested termination of the project effective July 1, 1998. The final evaluation is pending.
Shared Undertaking to Change the Community to Enable Self- Sufficiency (SUCCESS)	SUCCESS provides a social services support network that integrates government and community-based service providers. The project uses a combination of increased services and a modified sanction process. The project was implemented on August 1, 1997. The State waiver expires July 31, 2000, and is limited to San Mateo County.
Solano County Integrated System for Funding and Benefits (AB 866)	AB 866 allows Solano County to integrate the delivery of services and benefits through a comprehensive health and human services system. It would incorporate a system of universal intake for benefits and services, and centralize the management and support of client services. The project is limited to Solano County. The County is currently collecting and analyzing data to determine a possible design for the project.
Sutter County Cal Learn Demonstration Project	Sutter County is proposing to eliminate Cal Learn bonuses. Further development/approval of this project is deferred to the new administration.

Youth Pilot Project (AB 1741)	AB 1741 allows six counties to blend funding and services to high-risk children and families. Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Placer, San Diego and Fresno Counties were approved by the Health and Human Services Agency to participate in the pilot. The Health and Human Services Agency has oversight for the project. The Children and Family Services Division has the lead for the California Department of Social Services.
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